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Spy in exchange is U.S.-born, records show

Detroit (AP)—Robert Thompson, the convicted spy who claims he was born in East Germany of a Russian father and German mother, was actually born in Detroit, according to birth records and checks made by federal authorities during his arrest in 1965.

Thompson, 43, left the United States Monday for East Germany as part of a three-way prisoner exchange.

An admitted Soviet intelligence agent, Thompson said that his last name is an adopted one. Birth records, however, show that he was born to Robert and Bernice Thompson in 1935.

He was involved in secret activities here from 1958 to 1961 after his discharge from the Air Force.

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